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## New Yorker To Be Honored At OPC Awards Dinner

By Sonya K. Fry

The Overseas Press Club Annual Awards Dinner is shaping up to be a much anticipated gala event. The winners have been notified and are all making their plans to be in New York City on Thursday, April 26 for the awards dinner. Many will travel great distances from Beijing, Moscow and Brooklyn.

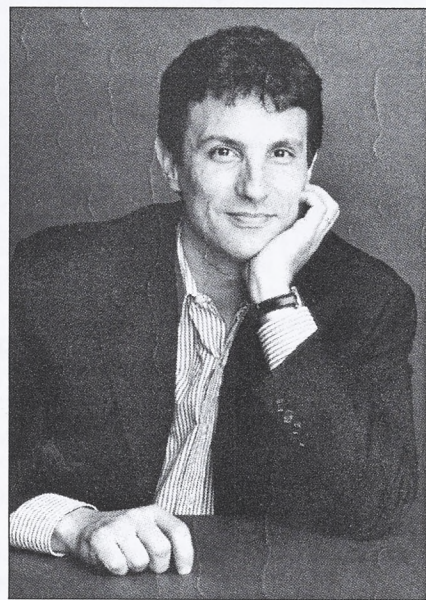
Larry Martz, OPC President, has decided to honor *The New Yorker* magazine with his President's Award. The magazine's commitment to distinguished coverage of international stories has ranged from Janet Flanner's "Letters from Paris" in the 40's through John Hersey's famous piece on "Hiroshima" to its coverage of current conflicts in Africa and Kosovo.

The OPC has honored *The New Yorker* with seven awards in recent decades, including such renowned writers as Mark Danner, Joe Kane, Fred Shapiro and Lawrence Wechsler. Last year the photojournalist Gilles Peress won the Olivier Rebbot Award for a photo essay on the Kosovo refugee exodus. It was a tender moment when Mr. Peress accepted the award in memory of his friend Olivier Rebbot who died covering the story in Salvador.

David Remnick, the editor of *The New*

*Yorker* will accept the President's Award on behalf of the magazine and will give the keynote address. Mr. Remnick became the new editor, following Tina Brown, in 1998, and previously he had been with *The Washington Post* for ten years. His career began the classic way covering sports and styles and then he leapt to Moscow correspondent in 1988. His four year tenure in Russia gave him the experience that formed the basis of his book on the Soviet Union, "Lenin's Tomb" (Random House, 1993). Remnick won both the Pulitzer Prize and a George Polk Award in 1994 for this highly suc-

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David Remnick, Editor, *The New Yorker*

## OPC Hosts Observance of World Press Freedom Day May 3

by Kevin McDermott and Norman A. Schorr

*Freedom of the Press Committee*

The Overseas Press Club will host the observance of World Press Freedom Day on Thursday, May 3rd, with a lineup of participants from among the most visible and influential press-freedom organizations in the United States. The theme of the discussion will be the condition of free expression in an age when information is shared more abundantly than ever before, in a world struggling to adapt to cultural and legal attitudes.

On the panel will be James H. Ottaway Jr., chairman of the World Press Freedom Committee and vice president of Dow Jones & Co. Joining Ottaway will be Professor Ruth Walden, author of the influential study "Insult Laws: An Insult to Press Freedom," published by the WPFC last year. Walden is director of graduate studies at the University of North Carolina

Journalism School. Copies of her study will be given out at no cost to attendees at the OPC event.

Also on the May 3rd panel will be Kristen Guida, senior researcher at Freedom House. She will discuss her organization's annual survey of the status of press freedom in countries around the world. She will also discuss the new Freedom House World Survey of freedom on the internet. Rounding out the panel will be Marylene Smeets, coordinator of the Americas program for the Committee to Protect Journalists. The event, which will take place at Club Quarters at 40 West 45th Street in New York City, will be chaired by OPC president Larry Martz, former co-chairman of the Club's Freedom of the Press committee and retired editor of *World Press Review*. The program will begin with a reception at 6 PM. For information and reservations contact the OPC office at 212 626-9220.

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# How Are Journalists Threatened? Let Us Count the Ways

By Norman A. Schorr  
and Kevin McDermott

*Freedom of the Press Committee*

In recent weeks the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee has protested denials of press freedom in Asia, Latin America, Europe and Africa.

Grave concern was expressed on the restrictions that Indonesia placed on the movement of foreign journalists within the country. Specific objections were expressed to the Foreign Ministry proposal that would require visiting journalists to be cleared in writing by security authorities before they could travel to areas of recent ethnic or sectarian violence.

OPC called on the Philippine government for an investigation and report on the killing of radio broadcaster Olimpio Jalapit. As host of radio station dxPR's top program, Jalapit was a tough critic of powerful interests. Events suggested that his murder was in reprisal for his examination of sore subjects such as political corruption, illegal gambling, drug dealing and separatist movements in southern Philippines.

In the Americas, OPC called attention to disturbing events in Guatemala and Haiti. OPC protested the negligible police response to the attack by an angry mob on the Guatemala City newspaper *el*

*Periodico*, apparently because of the paper's series of articles exposing corruption and irregularities in the award of public works contracts by the country's Communications Ministry.

Also, the OPC Committee's concern that the recent harassment and threats that have been received by journalists who had been critics of the Guatemalan government may be what Amnesty International has suggested "may be part of a strategy by authorities to create an atmosphere of insecurity and terror."

Two killings of radio journalists in Haiti were most disturbing. Victim of the most recent assassination was Gerard Denoze, who reported on sports events for Radio Plus. He was killed in December, shot down by two armed men as he stepped out of a taxi in Port-au-Prince. OPC called for a thorough investigation.

OPC's committee questioned the decision of Turkey's *SABAH* newspaper not to publish Cengiz Candar's column because of an alleged breach of law prohibiting insults of military authorities. The column exposed a smear campaign aimed at discrediting a group of prominent writers and journalists.

The OPC committee also criticized the arrest and detention of Akbar Ganji, based on allegations that he challenged

the government of Iran by insulting Islamic sanctities and by rejecting Islamic judgments. He had reported that there was official involvement in the murders of Iranians who sought to express their opposition to the government.

OPC protested Morocco's continuing ban on weekly newspapers *Demain*, *Le Journal*, and *Al-Sahiffa*. The papers were shuttered for publishing and commenting on a letter allegedly written by former Moroccan leader Mohamed Basri. The letter, which implicated socialist politicians in a failed 1972 coup, suggested that Morocco's prime minister was involved in the plot.

The committee added OPC's voice to the worldwide protest against Angola's refusal to allow journalist Rafael Marques to travel because of his criticism of Angola's president and government.

OPC expressed shock at the physical beating of Betty Dindi, a journalist with Nation-TV in Kenya. She was covering the clashes which occurred when police broke up meetings organized by shareholders of Mbo-I-Kamiti Farmers Company. The assault, which required hospitalization, appeared to be part of a series of physical attacks on journalists in general and particularly journalists associated with the Nation Media Group.

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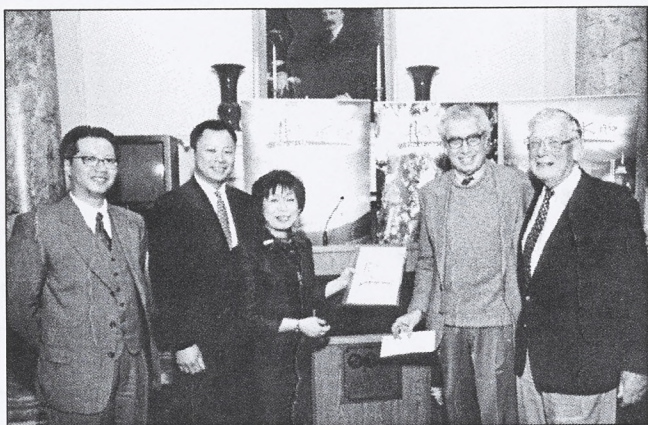
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*Raymond Fan, Director of the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office; Chris Sang, Account Manager of Cathay Pacific Airways; Aliana Ho, Director of the Hong Kong Tourist Association, the lucky winner Harry Rolnick, and Roy Rowan, OPC former President.*



*Chinese chefs pass out delicious Peking Duck to OPC President Larry Martz and his wife, Anne.*

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## Old China Hands Don't Just Fade Away

By Sonya K. Fry

The call went out for a reunion of Old China Hands and in the grand tradition of journalism, they came from near (offices on Sixth Avenue) and far (Connecticut to California), hoping to meet up with friends from China, Hong Kong and Taipei. About 70 correspondents and writers, journalism professors, consulate officials, photographers and business types reminisced and found old friends to share a glass of wine. Club Quarters set a beautiful buffet table of hors d'oeuvres, including Dim Sum and the restaurant Sweet-n-Tart made fabulous Peking Duck.

Roy Rowan, our oldest China Hand, had just returned from a lecture-trip on the QE2 to the Far East, to join in the festivities and act as host of the program. OPC Board member and Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club First Vice President Jim Laurie made a home video of the FCC in Hong Kong which was a delight. Everyone enjoyed seeing the old club. Tony Lawrence, FCC current President, raised a glass of wine in friendship between our two reciprocal clubs.

Bill Holstein presented the OPC a gift of the notebooks of Walter Logan who covered the Chinese Civil War for UPI. And the grand finale of the evening was the drawing of two round-trip tickets, business class, to Hong Kong, donated by Cathay Pacific. The winner was Harry Rolnick, a writer, who with Stella Dong, an OPC member and author of the new book "Shanghai 1842-1949: The Rise and Fall of a Decadent City" (William Morrow, 2000) were just that very day

planning a trip to Hong Kong with their travel agent. It was noted that they were drinking champagne all evening in celebration.

As if all this was not enough the Hong Kong Tourist Association also donated a luxury day tour of Hong Kong and four

sets of tickets to the Hong Kong pianist Simon Li's concert at Lincoln Center. Much good luck was floating around that evening.

This event was co-sponsored by the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office and the Overseas Press Club.

### Welcome to Our New Members

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The Wall Street Journal Europe  
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# New Yorker To Be Honored At OPC Awards Dinner

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successful classic on the collapse of the Soviet empire.

The 19 OPC awards will be presented by Dan Rather, a long time OPC member who just celebrated his 20th anniversary as the Anchor of the CBS Evening News. Rather took over the anchor position from Walter Cronkite, "the most trusted man in America" in 1981, against the advice of many, but he has endured and flourished garnering nine Emmy Awards. Dan began his career in journalism in Huntsville, Texas. He joined CBS News in 1962 and was bureau chief in both London and Saigon and White House correspondent during the Johnson and Nixon administrations. He has written six books, most recently "Deadlines and Datelines," and is also the Anchor of "48 Hours" and a Correspondent for "60 Minutes II". He also has a radio show called "Dan Rather Reporting" for CBS News Radio and he writes a weekly syndicated newspaper column.

In addition to the regular OPC awards for best international coverage in newspapers, wire services, magazines, books, radio, television, photography, cartoons and online journalism, the OPC will present a new award for outstanding reportage by a Russian journalist in honor of Artyom Borovik. The award is sponsored jointly by CBS News and *US News & World Report*. Artyom Borovik won the 1991 OPC Edward R. Murrow Award for his work on "60 Minutes" as an investigative correspondent reporting on a Soviet medical lab where the brains of leading Soviets were preserved and stored. This new award will honor the memory of Borovik by recognizing the work of a Russian journalist who has shown great personal courage in tough, fair-minded reporting and who has revealed enduring truths about Russian society and culture. These standards, displayed in Borovik's work, are hard to achieve in a society in transition, but they will be a critical foundation for the development of a free press in Russia.

The Awards Dinner will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on 42nd Street in New York City. Cocktails will begin at 6:00pm, followed by dinner and the awards ceremonies. Prices have remained

at \$125 each for members and a guest. Tables for organizations are available at three levels: Friend at \$3,000, Sponsor at \$5,000 and Patron at \$10,000. Reservations, of course, are essential.

Stephen Shepard, Editor-in-Chief of *Business Week* is the Chair of the Dinner Committee this year and he has gathered a prestigious Committee: Floyd Abrams, Roger Ailes, Joyce Barnathan, Michael Bloomberg, Louis D. Boccardi, Tom Brokaw, Andrew Heyward, James F. Hoge, Jr., Peter Jennings, Andrew Lack, Norman Pearlstine, Lynn Povich, Andrew Rosenthal, Stephen G. Smith, Richard M. Smith, Paul Steiger, Howard Stringer, Mark Whitaker and Mortimer B. Zuckerman.



Dan Rather

FRANK MIELOTTA/CBS

## Foundation Hosts High School Journalism Students

OPC Foundation Board member Robert Solby recently arranged for a group of journalism students from Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley, California to visit the OPC. While in New York City, the students, cited by the *Harvard Crimson* for producing the best school publication in the country, participated in a three-day workshop at the Columbia University School of Journalism and spent some time at *The Wall Street Journal*. It is conceivable, however, that one of the true highlights of their trip was the opportunity to listen to and then question "the real thing" in the persons of Foundation President Bill Holstein (*Business 2.0*), Peter Galuszka (former Moscow Bureau Chief for *Business Week*), Brendan Koerner (Markel Foundation) and Patricia Kranz (European Editor for *Business Week*).

Solby also arranged a guided tour of the 28th floor of the Time-Life Building, thought of by many as the seat of photo-journalism, and a visit to the National Arts Club in Gramercy Park.



Journalism students from Mill Valley, California pose in front of OPC mascot, who once perched on top of the old *Herald-Tribune* Building. With the students are (seated) Robert Solby and, at right, Foundation Coordinator Margie Gewirtz.





## PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

GORDON CURRIE/BILL SHINN

**BETHESDA, Maryland:** Author of several books, past OPC President **Barrett McGurn**, 86, is working on a history of *Yank*, the World War II soldier's weekly, written and edited by enlisted men, a magazine with a global readership of 10 million. He writes: "I welcome any *Yank* memories OPC members have as fellow *Yank* staffers or as readers. My address is 5229 Duvall Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20816."

During World War II, U.S. Army Corporal, later Sergeant, McGurn was a South Pacific correspondent for *Yank*. He told the *Bulletin*: "I covered the invasion



**Barrett McGurn**

of Bougainville in the Solomon Islands, picking up a Purple Heart for chest and face wounds; covered the invasion of Green Island midway between Bougainville and New Guinea, covered the invasion of the Palau Islands and then joined [General Douglas A.] MacArthur for his legendary return to the Philippines." Late in the war, McGurn was transferred to Washington as *Yank's* national bureau chief. "At that time there were complaints because so many soldiers based in Washington had never seen combat," he said. "I think they wanted me in Washington mainly because I had been awarded a Purple Heart."

McGurn was elected OPC president in 1963 after returning from Europe, where for 16 years he was a *Herald Tribune* correspondent and bureau manager in Rome, Paris and Moscow. After the *New York Herald Tribune* closed in 1966, McGurn returned to Europe and lost touch with the Club. But he reinstated his membership this year (March *Bulletin*).

After his OPC presidency, McGurn was press attaché at the U.S. embassy in Rome, a briefer at the Vietnam War's "5 O'Clock Follies," the daily U.S. press conference in Saigon (his comment: "a painful daily conference for a press corps which had already given up on the war"), a State Department officer sent to Cambodia to determine if the press corps could be cheered up ("the short answer

was 'no,' 32 of the international press corps already had been killed") and then he was the U.S. Supreme Court's first director of communications.

**BRAINERD, Minnesota:** Displaying the same humor that made him a popular member of the Foreign Correspondents' Clubs in Tokyo and Hong Kong, OPC member **Robert Klaverkamp** has designed a letterhead that advises: "You may leave message on phone answering service Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, \$100 per minute."

The letterhead lists Klaverkamp's working hours: Mondays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m.; and states his fee as chairman, president and CEO of Totally Integrated Marketing: "Very expensive. It costs more but it's worth more." Topping it off, the letterhead chronicles Bob's jobs from newspaper carrier boy in Minnesota to covering a South Pole expedition to UPI business manager in Tokyo to Time Warner executive in Hong Kong; full rundown on his education from Holy Rosary Grade School, where he was in charge of the bulletin board, to University of Minnesota, where he graduated in 1951; and all his clubs from journalism's Sigma Delta Chi to the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Bob and his wife Liz are going through boxes of old pictures, sending some of them off to old friends.



**Bob Klaverkamp**



**Liz Klaverkamp**

**CHIANG MAI, Thailand:** Amnat Jongyotying, 46, editor of *The Northern Daily*, keeps a .38-caliber pistol on his desk and a bulletproof vest nearby. "If they come after me again, there's not much chance they'll walk out of here," he told **Seth Mydans** of *The New York Times*. "I don't care how many times I'm hit; if I can take just one of them with me



SETH MYDANS

**Amnat Jongyotying with his wife Phongpan** "I'll be satisfied." Amnat was shot through the abdomen by four gunmen last spring after he refused to stop his newspaper attacks on the local political kingpin. To help him start the paper 11 years ago, Amnat's wife, **Phongpan**, sold her land, gave up her beauty business and took journalism courses. "After he was shot, I tried to make him stop," she said. "When he got out of the hospital, he was afraid. He wouldn't hold me at night. He would only hold his gun and his bulletproof vest." Chiang Mai is a city of 300,000 people in northern Thailand. Circulation of Amnat's newspaper fell from 10,000 to 1,000 during an economic recession three years ago. Circulation climbed after the editor was shot, but the cost of paper limits the current print run to 2,000 copies.

**A. Lin Neumann**, Asia consultant for the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, said most provincial reporters stay away from the kind of war-lord stories Amnat prints. "Amnat for whatever reason, is one of those unusual fellows who is absolutely bound and determined to do the kind of journalism he thinks is right," Neumann was quoted by Mydans. "He's not a nut. He is just particularly driven to make that little newspaper of his into something that can change Chiang Mai. And as a result he almost died, and he still could die."

**DAMASCUS:** The weekly *Al Doumari* (*The Lamplighter*), Syria's first privately-owned newspaper in nearly four decades, went on sale in late February, and 75,000 copies were sold out within hours, said **Ali Farzat**, the paper's owner and editor-in-chief. Reuters reported the paper "contained social and political commentary mixed with humor, satire and the hard political news of an imminent government shuffle."

**DUBLIN:** A three-judge panel in March acquitted John Gilligan of the 1996 murder of journalist **Veronica** (Continued on Page 6)



## PEOPLE

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**Guerin.** Describing Gilligan, 48 as a Dublin "crime boss," *The New York Times'* **Brian Lavery** reported: "The

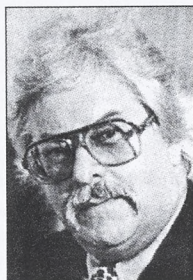


**Veronica Guerin** a reporter for *The Independent* of Dublin, wrote about organized crime in Ireland. She was investigating Gilligan's gang when a gunman on a motorcycle intercepted her car at a Dublin stop light and shot her six times in the face and chest. Two other defendants in the murder case have been sentenced to life in prison (January and September 1999 *Bulletin*).

**HONG KONG:** OPC member **Richard Hornik** reported in March that "after three exciting years as business editor of *Time's* European edition" in London, he has been appointed executive editor of *Asiaweek*, a news magazine owned by Time Inc. and published in Hong Kong.

**Nisid Hajari**, who had been a *Time* writer and editor in Hong Kong, was named Asia editor of *Newsweek International* in March. He will be based in New York. **Tony Emerson**, a senior writer at *Newsweek International*, was promoted to business editor of *Newsweek's* international edition.

**KILLARNEY HEIGHTS, Australia:** "I should be dead, at least that's what the doctors tell me." So reported **Russell Spurr**, 77, in March. Crippled by two earlier strokes, the retired Australian foreign correspondent tripped and fell while hobbling into bed last summer, breaking his ankle and off to a hospital; developed a virus infection that left him unconscious for nearly a month; and hit by double pneumonia. "The doctors debated (a) whether to switch off my life support systems and



**Russell Spurr**

then (b), when my ankle turned septic, whether to cut my leg off," Spurr told the *Bulletin*. "Fortunately they did neither." Five months after his fall, he was home "determined to get back to some semblance of normalcy. Why not? As my dear [wife] **Rosemary** says, 'it's better than crying.'" Starting shortly after World War II, Spurr reported for U.S., British and Hong Kong media from India, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada and the UK. He is the author of "A Glorious Way to Die: The Kamikaze Mission of the Battleship Yamato" [1981] and "Enter the Dragon: China's Undeclared War Against the U.S. in Korea" [1988].

**KUWAIT:** **Hedayet Sultan al-Salem**, editor-in-chief and owner of the social and political magazine *Al Majales*, was shot and killed March 20 while being driven to work in Kuwait City. Reuters reported: "A journalist known for her work as a women's rights campaigner....[she] was reported to be having disputes with both the authorities and her staff." An Agence France-Presse dispatch said police officer Ziab Khaled al Azmi was arrested and admitted killing the editor "in retaliation for an article he considered derogatory toward women from his ancestral tribe, the al Awazem. The influential ethnic group holds eight seats in Kuwait's 50-member parliament."



**Hedayet Sultan al-Salem**

**LAGOS, Nigeria:** After President Olusegun Obasanjo's civilian government replaced military rule in 1999, at least five new newspapers have been added to Nigeria's 15 major dailies. But not everyone can afford to purchase a copy. Newsstands allow readers to glance at headlines free of charge, to pay the equivalent of 4 U.S. cents to read two newspapers or 8 cents to read as many as they want, correspondent **Norimitsu Onishi** reported in *The New York Times*. Onishi quoted **Olatunji Dare**, former editor of *The Guardian*, a leading Nigerian daily, who fled to the United States in the mid-1990s and now teaches journalism at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois: "In the early '80s, professionals could still buy four or five news-

papers a day. Now they can't even afford one." A copy of *The Guardian* costs 65 cents, a day's wages for many Nigerians.

**MALIBU, California:** After 20 years as a *Newsweek* and *Fortune* correspondent in Tokyo, 1962-1983, **Bernie Krisher** has been developing humanitarian projects in two of Asia's poorest nations. This year, recognizing his work for "positive social change," the Gleitsman Foundation, based in Malibu, selected Krisher for one of its two 2001 International Activist Awards. He shares the \$100,000 cash prize with **Martin Chhotubhal Macwan**, who was born among India's 160 million Dalits, formerly called Untouchables, and founded the Navsarjan Trust to use his legal knowledge and that of other attorneys and social workers to fight for Dalits human rights. In April, the Gleitsman Foundation presented each winner with \$50,000 and a sculpture designed by Maya Lin, creator of Washington's Vietnam War Memorial.

Krisher, 69, was nominated for the annual award by the *OPC Bulletin's* **Al Kaff**, who submitted an eight-page report on Krisher's activities: delivering rice, medical equipment and other relief supplies to famine-stricken North Korea; and in Cambodia erecting a free charity hospital, building schools in 200 rural villages, equipping the schools with solar-powered computers, establishing a woven-silk industry so villagers can earn cash income, and starting and publishing an English-language daily designed to train Cambodians in independent and reliable journalism. Krisher is giving his \$50,000 prize to American Assistance for Cambodia, his non-profit organization that runs the Cambodian projects.

Past Gleitsman Award winners include South Africa's Nelson Mandela, Chinese democracy advocate Wei Jingsheng, Nazi hunters Beate and Serge Klarsfeld, and Muhammad Yunus, Bangladeshi lender to the poor. Among



**The Krishers—  
Joseph, Akiko, Bernie and Debbie**



the seven judges for this year's award were former U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and four Nobel Peace Prize Laureates: Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Shimon Peres, Adolfo Perez Esquivel and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

A Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany, Krisher told the *Bulletin* that he was motivated to help the poor in appreciation for his own good fortune: "I luckily survived the Holocaust and settled in New York with my parents in 1941 where I enjoyed freedom and limitless opportunity." Helping Krisher in his work is his wife, **Akiko**, and their two children, **Debbie**, a correspondent for Radio Free Asia, and **Joseph**, who works for a Japanese company that imports books. They all live in Tokyo.

**MIDDLETOWN, Connecticut:** In a series of lectures and photo exhibits from March through May, the Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies at Wesleyan University is presenting a program, "Living Through the Forgotten War: Portrait of Korea." **Patrick Dowdey**, the curator, said, "These moving portraits present an indelible witness to the upheaval which caught all—Korean, GI, POW—in an irresistible tide of change." The exhibit includes the work of **Max Desfor**, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his 1950 Korean War photo of refugees escaping over a bombed-out bridge, and lectures by Korean scholar **Bruce Cumings**, a professor of history at the University of Chicago.

**NEW YORK:** Jay R. Tunney, an Asian affairs consultant, is the son of Gene Tunney, world heavyweight boxing champion, 1926-1928, and husband of OPC member **Kelly Smith Tunney**, assistant to the AP president and AP's director of corporate communications. In his day, Gene Tunney was a national hero, but he and some of his famous contemporaries are almost forgotten today. "In my office are photos of my father [1898-1978], **Ernest Hemingway** [1899-1961], my father's friend, and **George Bernard Shaw** [1856-1950]," Jay told the *Bulletin* at the OPC's March China Hands reunion. "Some young people I know have no idea who the men in those photos are."

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**C. Claiborne Ray** writes the weekly question-and-answer column in *The New York Times* science section and also is the daily editor on *The Times* obituary desk.

In the Spring issue of *INSIDE the New York Times*, a quarterly newsletter distributed with the home-delivered *Times*, Ray explained how she decides whether to publish obits "that come in over the transom." She said: "You never know what little gem is going to arrive. We heard



**C. Claiborne Ray** from the family of **Earnest Hoberecht**, a moderately interesting businessman. They forgot to mention, though, that he was a widely popular romance novelist in Occupied Japan whose books introduced Western-style kissing to readers there." In addition to writing novels, Hoberecht was a United Press correspondent and executive in Asia, later a businessman in Oklahoma and longtime OPC member. When he died on a Wednesday in 1999, *The Times* on the next Sunday published his obit and picture as a World War II correspondent under a banner headline across the top of the obituary page: "Earnest Hoberecht, Popular Novelist in Occupied Japan, Is Dead at 81."

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When OPC member **Fred Ferguson** and **Gloria Marti** visited tax attorney Jack Lichtenstein to prepare their 2000 returns, he told them that he was cast in an Off-Off-Broadway play, "Rumba," based in part on the blinding of the late **Victor Riesel**, a past OPC president and nationally-syndicated labor writer. In 1956 when Riesel was crusading against labor racketeering, someone threw sulfuric acid in his face on a New York City street. Blinded for the rest of his life, Riesel continued touch typing his column, was elected OPC president in the 1960s and attended Club functions and board meetings until his death in 1995 at age 81. In the play, Larry Bell was cast as Riesel. The play opened March 17 and runs to April 16 in the Homegrown Theater on Broadway between 99th and 100th Streets, telephone (212) 961-0962.

◆  
Writing in *The New York Times* in February, **John Langone**, member of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, freelance journalist and author, called "100 Years of American Nursing" [Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1999] an "inspiring pictorial testament to all the nurses whose names are forever linked to the history of nursing [including Florence

Nightingale, Clara Barton and Margaret Sanger]. But it is the presence of others—women generally unhonored and unsung—who equally exemplify nursing's nearly forgotten contributions to wars, upheavals, epidemics and, it should go without saying, to the advancement of women." The coffee table book with more than 400 photographs and commentaries by 16 nursing leaders was edited by registered nurses **Thelma M. Schorr**, wife of OPC's **Norman Schorr**, and **Maureen Shwan Kennedy** [August 1999 *Bulletin*].

◆  
OPC member **Pete Hamill** has written for several New York City dailies except *The New York Times*. But two of his 11 books made *The Times* best seller list, his memoir "A Drinking Life" [1994] and a novel "Snow in August" [1997]. In April, Hamill, 65, again became a columnist and correspondent at the *New York Daily News*, the newspaper where he was editor-in-chief in 1997 and a columnist 1975-1979. Over the past 40 years, he also has written for the *New York Post*, *New York Newsday*, *Saturday*



**Pete Hamill**

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## Pew Fellowships Offered

OPC member John Schidlovsky, director of the Pew International Journalism Program, announces a new Journalist-in-Residence fellowship for "U.S. journalists interested in spending between a month and eight months in residence in Washington to work on a book or documentary on international affairs." The fellowship is open to applicants with at least seven years experience and provides an office and a stipend of \$5,000 a month.

For more information consult the website at [www.pewfellowships.org](http://www.pewfellowships.org) or contact John Schidlovsky, director, Pew International Journalism Program, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington DC 20036. Phone (202) 663-7761. Fax (202) 663-7762. E-mail: [john@pewfellowships.org](mailto:john@pewfellowships.org)



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*Evening Post*, *The Village Voice*, *New York* magazine, *Esquire* and *The New Yorker*. Although spending most of his life in the Big Apple, Hamill was editor of the *Mexico City News*, 1986-1987, and covered wars in Vietnam, Nicaragua, Lebanon and Northern Ireland. On rejoining the *Daily News*, Hamill commented: "Ed Kosner [*Daily News* editor-in-chief] edited the first piece of copy I ever wrote for a newspaper [the *Post* in 1960]. I want him to edit the rest."

◆  
**Rik Kirkland**, former *Fortune* bureau chief in Washington and London, is the magazine's new managing editor, promoted from deputy managing editor. He succeeded **John Huey**, who was appointed to the new position of *Fortune*'s



John Huey



Rik Kirkland

editor with added responsibility for Time Inc.'s other business and personal finance magazines including *Money*, *Fortune*, *Small Business*, *Mutual Funds* and *eCompany Now*. In March, OPC member **Norman Pearlstine**, editor-in-chief of Time Inc., wrote in *Fortune* that Huey will develop "the many editorial opportunities promised by the recent merger of our parent, Time Warner, with America Online. Rarely is a single Time Inc. editor charged with the oversight of so many titles."

◆  
While considering whether to run for mayor of New York City this year, **Michael R. Bloomberg** stepped down as chairman of the board of his international media company in March but remained its CEO. To replace him as chairman, he appointed board member **Peter T. Grauer**, a managing director of the brokerage firm Credit Suisse First Boston. At the same time, Bloomberg added four persons to his



Michael Bloomberg

board including one journalist, **Jane Bryant Quinn**, who writes about personal finance for *Newsweek* and *Good Housekeeping* magazines. *Newsweek* spokesman **Roy Brunett** said Quinn will "disclose her role if anything she might write has the remotest connection with Bloomberg." *The New York Times* said Bloomberg, 59, is worth an estimated \$4 billion and pays himself an annual salary of \$19,000, equal to the salary of his lowest-paid employee in the United States. Last year, Bloomberg switched from the Democratic to the Republican Party to avoid a crowded Democratic mayoral field.

◆  
**Mort Young** retired from Time Inc. five years ago and then went to China. Last year he returned to the United States, freelanced as news editor of *The Cape Codder* in Orleans, Massachusetts, and now, living in New York City, has rejoined the OPC after a lapse of 30 years or so. "I retired in 1996 and spent a year in Beijing as a foreign expert at the state-run English-language *China Daily*," he told the *Bulletin*. "In 1999 I returned to Beijing to be a foreign expert at *21st Century*, an English-language weekly aimed at young professionals and college students. As you probably know, foreign expert is the official title for the job of copy editing, rewriting and general harassment." Young has spent half of his 43 years as a newspaperman in New York City. He was New York bureau chief and later assistant national editor of the Hearst newspapers, editor of Hearst News Service, a system editor for *Time* magazines and manager of technology at *Sports Illustrated*.

◆  
This year's 12 categories of George Polk Awards will be presented in April, and the award for international reporting went to **Alma Guillermoprieto**, who wrote a three-part series on the Colombian drug trade for *The New York Review of Books*. She interviewed government officials, guerrilla leaders and people living in Colombian jungles. The book award also involved international reporting. It went to **Laurie Garrett** of *Newsday* for "Betrayal of Trust" [Hyperion, 2000], an account of epidemics and other health catastrophes around the world. She received a 1997 Polk Award for a *Newsday* series on the health crisis in the former Soviet Union. Administered by Long Island University, the awards were established in 1949 in

memory of **George W. Polk**, a CBS correspondent who was killed in Greece while covering its civil war.

◆  
Dow Jones in April presented Newswire Awards to its correspondents for distinguished real-time journalism in 2000. Each winner received \$2,500 and a trophy. Awards for international reporting went to **Rhea Wessel**, Frankfurt, for coverage of Vodafone's takeover of Mannesmann; **Daniel Balint-Kurti**, Abidjan, for coverage of Ivory Coast political unrest; and **Catherine McKinley**, Hanoi, for her 17-part series on Vietnam 25 years after withdrawal of U.S. troops.

◆  
The March *Bulletin* erred in reporting that one of the Club's notable events was a reunion of Korean War correspondents. In fact, it was the Nov. 21, 1986, reunion of Vietnam War correspondents, held in the 7th Regiment Armory on Park Avenue in New York City. About 250 people attended, the largest gathering of the Indochina press corps since the war ended in 1975. It was a memorable night. Anti-war demonstrators picketed outside the Armory, took over the microphone at the speaker's table to denounce the long-ago war and then left peacefully. One scheduled speaker, a rather pompous fellow, talked about his experiences in Vietnam and then went on and on about his accomplishments in Africa while speaking disparagingly about Africans.



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**George McArthur**, who covered the Korean War for AP and the Vietnam War for *The Los Angeles Times*, cut him off by standing up and shouting in a powerful voice: "You are a certifiable idiot!"

The reunion was reported in long articles in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *New Haven Register*, *Chicago Reader*, *Editor & Publisher*, other publications and around the world on AP's wire. The reunion was organized by the late **H. L. Stevenson**, later an OPC president, and Vietnam correspondents **Bryce Miller** and **Al Kaff**. Because the Pentagon had no compiled list of correspondents accredited in Vietnam, the OPC committee spent nearly a year collecting names of Vietnam War reporters



for reunion invitations. Their names and addresses are listed in "Foreign Correspondents in Indochina: A Directory," updated annually as more correspondents are located, and available from Kaff for \$5.

**PARIS:** **Craig Copetas**, a Paris-based correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal*, now is a *chevalier dans l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres*. The award was presented by the French Ministry of Culture, entitling him to wear the order's insignia.

**RAVENSBURG, Germany:** A German public prosecutor on March 15 demanded a life sentence for **Julius Viel**, 83, a retired German journalist, who is charged with gunning down seven Jewish concentration camp inmates during World War II when he was a Nazi SS officer (January *Bulletin*). Reuters reported that Prosecutor Kurt Schrimm said Viel murdered his victims while they dug trenches in early 1945 near the Theresienstadt concentration camp in what is now the Czech Republic. Viel, who became a journalist on regional south German newspapers after the war, denied the killings. He said he was stationed near Vienna at the time. Viel was arrested in 1999 after retired Canadian professor Adalbert Lallier broke years of silence to say he witnessed the killings. Defense lawyers said three other witnesses who were present at the shooting did not corroborate Lallier's assertions.

**SEOUL:** A Feb. 26 *New York Times* dispatch from Seoul reported the arrival in Seoul of 100 visitors from North Korea for family reunions and Russian President Vladimir V. Putin for talks with the South Korean government. The article was bylined **Don Kirk**. Was he the same Don Kirk who was looking for freelance assignments in Tokyo in the mid-1960s and went on to work for several newspapers, currently *The International Herald Tribune*, but not *The Times*? To find out, the "People" columnist on Feb. 28 left a message on OPC member Don Kirk's answering machine at his Washington, D.C., residence. Three days later, he returned the call from Seoul, the same Don Kirk, who



**Don Kirk**

has been in and out of Asia during the past 35 years or so.

Now 62, Kirk told the *Bulletin* that the *IHT*, which is owned by *The Times* and *The Washington Post*, okayed his recent request to string for *The Times*. "I file mostly to the business section," he said. But his dispatches often appear on the same day in both the international and business sections. Since the 1960s, Kirk has reported from Asia for *The Washington Star*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Observer*, *USA Today*, *IHT* and other publications; and written several books including "Wider War: The Struggle for Cambodia, Thailand and Laos" [1971], "Tell It To the Dead: Stories of a War" [1975], "Korean Dynasty: Hyundai and Chung Ju Yung" [1994], "Looted: The Philippines After the Bases" [1998] and "Korean Crisis: Unraveling of the Miracle in the IMF Era" [2000]. Kirk won a 1974 OPC Award and OPC citations in 1967, 1972 and 1973.

**SYDNEY:** One of Australia's 45th annual Walkley Awards for excellence in journalism went to a foreign correspondent: **Lindsay Murdoch**, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, for a dispatch on the U.N. in Dili, Timor.

**Peter O'Loughlin**, AP's Sydney bureau chief, and OPC member **Tony Clifton**, *Newsweek's* Sydney bureau chief, retired at the end of last year. Both continue to live in Australia. During his AP career, O'Loughlin reported from the United States, the Vietnam War and Australia. He founded the Foreign Correspondents' Association of Australia and the South Pacific in 1985, and served several terms as its president. "Peter is looking forward to indulge in his passion for winemaking [at his Hunter Valley vineyard]," the Association's journal, *The Correspondent*, reported. Clifton also covered the Vietnam War and reported from Beirut, San Francisco, New York, London, New Delhi and Hong Kong. "After being away from Australia for 40 years, finding a house in Melbourne will be more difficult than in India or Lebanon," Clifton told *The Correspondent*. He plans to write "probably a funny novel which may or may not have something to do with journalism."

The Foreign Correspondents' Association of Australia and the South Pacific, based in Sydney, welcomed new members **Ruth Eades**, Tokyo's *Asahi Shim-*

*bun*; **Andrea Hopkins**, **Sophie Hares**, **Marian Rae** and **Greg Buckle**, all Reuters; **Markus Weber**, EMU Productions; **Philip Yoon**, Seoul's *Dong-a Ilbo*; **Monica Garriga** and **Rocio Otoyá**, Agencia EFE of Spain; **Yang Binuyan**, China Radio International; **Serge Princip**, Sarajevo's *Vesti*; **Patrick Barkham**, *The Guardian*; **Luba Vangelova**, freelance correspondent who contributes to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *National Geographic Traveler*, CNN Sports and other media; **Peter Higgins**, ABC Radio News of the United States; and **Natalie Walton**, RWE Australian Business News.

**Jürgen Clever**, Sydney correspondent for *Handesblatt* of Germany, and his wife **Erika Anderf-Clever**, of the German Trade Commission, have been transferred to Croatia. After five years Down Under, **Florence de Changy** of *Le Monde* has relocated to Kuala Lumpur with her husband and three children.

**Ruth Pitchford**, Reuters Sydney bureau chief and a past president of the Foreign Correspondents' Association, gave birth to her third child, Huw Evan, late last year.

**TAIPEI:** Until a few years ago, contact with the Communist media on the China mainland was a criminal offense in Taiwan. No longer. In February, **Chen Binhua** and **Fan Liqing** of Xinhua (China's official New China News Agency) arrived in Taipei from Beijing to report on Taiwan. They were the first correspondents to come to Taipei under Taiwan's new policy that allows China mainland media organizations to post two reporters in Taipei for a month (January *Bulletin*).



**Chen Binhua (left) and Fan Liqing**

**TOKYO:** The late OPC member **Edward Neilan's** "professional associates have expressed their interest in establishing a program in honor of Edward's (Continued on Page 10)



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lifetime devotion to journalism and Asian affairs," his widow, **Masae Sato Neilan**, told the *Bulletin* in March. Ed, a correspondent, editor, publisher and columnist in Asia and the United States for 43 years, died of an apparent heart attack Nov. 21 just minutes after completing a news dispatch in his Tokyo apartment (January *Bulletin*). He was 68. Masae and OPC member **Pat Killen**, who was Neilan's colleague on the staffs of *No. 1 Shimbun*, monthly journal of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, and *Tokyo Weekender*, said the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, is interested in establishing a memorial program in Ed's honor. Neilan spent part of each year as a media fellow at the Hoover Institution.



**Masae Sato Neilan and family friend  
OPC member Pat Killen**

Mrs. Neilan received condolence messages from around the world. From U.S. Secretary of Labor **Elaine L. Chao**: "Edward Neilan was an outstanding representative of the Heritage Foundation. His loss will be deeply felt." **Vladimir Chigirev**, former Russian diplomat in Tokyo: "Edward was able to understand the psychology and the way of thinking of the Japanese, Chinese, Koreans and Russians." **Thomas S. Foley**, U.S. ambassador to Japan: "I was a regular reader of his column." **Yutaka Mataehara**, editor-in-chief of Tokyo's *Japan Times*: "We lost an important journalist." **Dingli Shen**, director of the Center for American Studies at Fudan University, Shanghai: "Edward's professionalism and insight deeply impressed us and our students at Fudan University." **John Trenahile**, senior editor of Taiwan's *Taipei Review*: "To be honest, I don't think there is anyone who can fill his shoes as far as Asian coverage is concerned."

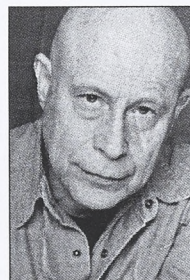
**UNITED NATIONS:** **Shashi Tharoor**, 45, a U.N. official since 1978, works through the night writing novels about India, his spiritual home, or political

commentary for newspapers and magazines. When day comes, he works in his U.N. office. In January, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan gave him an interim assignment, running and polishing the image of the U.N. Department of Public Information with 428 employees in New York City and 307 in offices around the world. **Lynda Richardson** of *The New York Times* interviewed Tharoor in March and wrote: "The United Nations has never had the greatest success putting the best public face on its work. And this specific office has been widely derided over the years. Politicians think it is a wasteful propaganda office. The former United States ambassador, Richard C. Holbrooke, for one, wasted no opportunity to attack it. Working reporters also see the department as largely useless and terribly slow." Tharoor was a U.N. refugee official in Singapore during the Vietnamese boat people crisis and a member of U.N. peacekeeping operations in Yugoslavia during the Bosnian war. On his public information challenge, Tharoor told *The Times*: "For the moment, I'm having a whale of a time."



**Shashi Tharoor**

**WASHINGTON:** OPC member **Arnold Crane** will receive two Awards of Excellence from the White House News Photographers Association at the group's annual dinner in April. He won in the International News Category for a photo of a Havana crowd during a "Bring Back Elian" rally. Crane, a freelance photographer who lives in New York City, won his second award in the portraits/personalities category with a black and white photo done in Paris.

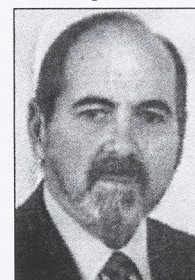


**Arnold Crane**

After 19 years with Long Island's daily *Newsday*, **Roy Gutman** this winter joined *Newsweek* as a diplomatic correspondent based in Washington and immediately lost one perk by working for a news magazine. His first assignment was helping cover Secretary of State Colin Powell's mission to the Middle

East. "They didn't take news magazines on the plane, only reporters for dailies and broadcasters, I guess because they expected daily news," Gutman told the *Bulletin*. So he booked his own transportation to Egypt and Syria, scoring his first *Newsweek* byline. While with *Newsday*, Gutman was based in Europe from 1989-1994, winning an OPC award for reports on ethnic cleansing in Bosnia. Before *Newsday*, he worked 12 years for Reuters and two years with UPI.

After more than four years as editor of *The International Herald Tribune* in Paris, **Michael Getler** now is the ombudsman at *The Washington Post*, where earlier he was a foreign correspondent. His weekly assessments of *Post* coverage are read eagerly by the staff. "In fact, Mr. Getler's weekly e-mail critiques, when delivered on Friday afternoons, were considered so distracting that they threatened to interfere with deadlines for the weekend sections," media reporter **Felicity Barringer** wrote in *The New York Times*. "They are now sent on Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings." Getler, 65, is one of about 40 reader advocates on U.S. newspapers. Earlier at *The Post*, which he joined 26 years ago, Getler covered the military and diplomatic beats and Europe, and later became the newspaper's assistant managing editor for foreign news.



**Michael Getler**

## IN MEMORY

**Cord Meyer Jr.**, 80, who supervised Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty when he was a CIA agent, died March 13 of lymphoma and other ailments at a Washington, D.C. health care facility. During World War II, he was a machine-gun platoon leader in the U.S. Marines Corps in the South Pacific, participating in the Guam assault and losing his left eye in a grenade assault. Also a writer, his dispatches from the war were published in *The Atlantic Monthly*. After the war, Meyer spent 26 years with the CIA, holding management positions in covert opera-



**Cord Meyer Jr.**



tions and becoming second-in-command of worldwide clandestine services. In a *New York Times* obituary, **Christopher Marquis** described Meyer an "an articulate and passionate strategist who helped guide the young Central Intelligence Agency's efforts to contain Soviet Communism at home and abroad." After they divorced, Meyer's first wife, freelance writer and editor **Mary Pinchot**, was fatally shot in 1964 while walking in Georgetown.

Following her death, the former Mrs. Meyer's sister and brother-in-law, **Benjamin C. Bradlee**, who later became executive editor of *The Washington Post*, said they saw a CIA counterintelligence officer trying to break into Mrs. Meyer's house and take her diary. The Bradlees later found Mrs. Meyer's diary, and it "disclosed an affair between Mrs. Meyer and President John F. Kennedy," *The Times* reported. Her murder remains unsolved. For the past several years, OPC member **Don Shannon**, a retired *Los Angeles Times* foreign correspondent, has been doing research into the Meyer murder.

◆ **Panayiotis Lambrias**, 77, a Greek journalist in Athens and a publisher while in exile in London, died of cancer March 3 in Athens. He started his journalism career in 1950 and became managing editor of *Mesimvrini*, an Athens daily. During the 1967-1974 Greek military

dictatorship, Lambrias lived in London and published the magazine *Greek Report*, which opposed the regime. After democracy was restored in Greece, he returned home and was elected to parliament. He also served as government spokesman and general secretary of the National Tourism Organization.

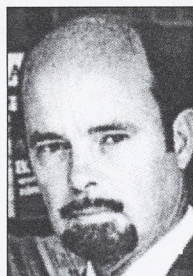
◆ **Joseph H. Bailey III**, 59, who took his cameras to the Americas and Europe on *National Geographic* assignments, died of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease, in a Virginia hospice Feb. 9. He was a *Geographic* staff photographer for 27 years until retiring in 1994, shooting photos in Russia, Belarus,

Canada, Honduras, Bermuda, Belgium, Germany, Bulgaria and the United States. In a 1989 underwater assignment, he photographed the German battleship Bismarck, which the British sunk in World War II. In 1992, Bailey helped deliver and distribute food and medicine to people in Belarus affected by fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear power plant explosion. At Christ Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia, he co-founded a program to provide health benefits to Belarus and bring children from the contaminated areas for visits to the United States. He was president of the White House News Photographers Association 1988-1990.

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the Foreign Correspondents' Association of Australia and the South Pacific, writing: "Sydney-born, London-based, prize-winning investigative journalist Phillip Knightley....gives much history of the country—convict origins, the gold rush, migrants, the depression and wars. He also digs deep to discover the ordinary



Phillip Knightley

people who helped shape the country and uses their dreams and ambitions to chart the course from pioneer nation to a successful multi-cultural society. His book is part chronicle, part travelogue, part memoir and based on extensive interviews, reporting and recent research in Australia and overseas. Knightley succeeds in his aim 'to explain Australia to the world.'

• Another book reviewed in *The Correspondent* was written by two women of radically different backgrounds and deals with the status of Aboriginal people in Australia. "Raging Partners: Two Worlds, one friendship" [Sydney: Magabala Books] was written by **Ollie Smith**, daughter of an Aboriginal woman and a Timorese pearl diver, and **Diana Plater**, an Australian journalist who has covered Aboriginal affairs while writing for *USA Today*, Australian Associated Press, and Sydney and Melbourne newspapers. *The Correspondent* commented: "The book tells how Ollie and Diana became good friends in the mid 1980s in Perth—an intensely fascinating time locally with the land rights movement and

the reports of Aboriginal deaths in custody and, internationally, with the protests against the apartheid regime in South Africa. With often amusing, raunchy and self-deprecating anecdotes, the book tells of their active part in these issues.... *Raging Partners* is especially timely. It is told in the context of a growing, grassroots reconciliation movement witnessed by the enormously popular Sydney Harbour bridge walk and those in other cities around the country. This movement reflects an urge to know more about Australia's indigenous people—their culture, their forms of healing and their art."

## EUROPE

• In 1999 when she was 30, the Russians denied French journalist **Anne Nivat** permission to enter Chechnya. So she strapped a satellite telephone to her belly, disguised herself in Chechen peasant clothes and sneaked across the border to cover the war for the French dailies *Libération* and *Ouest-France*. In "Chienne de Guerre" [New York: PublicAffairs], Nivat describes how she covered the fighting for six months by traveling with underground rebels and sleeping with Chechen families or in abandoned buildings. She told her publisher: "For me, who had only encountered war through history books, Chechnya taught me war's harsh reality—the cruelty, the despair, the boredom, the death. For the reader, I hope that these pages will help to untangle the series of events leading up to this tragedy. I hope that they will help to explain the plight of these proud people, these Chechen men and women with whom I have borne the unbearable." Her book has won the Albert Londres Prize in France.

## UN Conference Fellowships

The Disarmament Journalists Network of the NGO Committee on Disarmament is offering fellowships to journalists from developing countries with at least five years experience to cover the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trafficking of Small Arms July 9 to 20 in New York.

The fellowship will cover the cost of air travel to and from New York and living expenses in the city. Applications must be received by April 21 and should be addressed to Rev. Vernon Nichols, President NGO Committee on Disarmament, 777 United Nations Plaza, Suite 3B, New York, NY 10017. Phones (212) 687-5340 and 355-5510. Fax (212) 687-1643.



# New Books

## AFRICA

• In "A People Betrayed: The Role of the West in Rwanda's Genocide" [New York: Zed Books/Palgrave/St. Martin's Press], British journalist **Linda Melvern** describes how Western nations stood aside in 1994 while an estimated 800,000 people were killed in Rwanda in clashes between the Hutu and Tutsi people. Reviewing the book in *The New York Times*, **Samantha Power**, executive director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University, wrote: "She [Melvern] singles out 'accomplices' like France, which, with an eye to preserving its dominance in the region, provided the murderous Hutu regime with arms, money and even protection (allegations France has denied). And she documents the fatal lapses of the more remote bystanders, who, from their offices in New York, Washington, London, Brussels and Paris, failed Rwanda at every juncture....by capturing the cold, calculating debates at the United Nations, she has contributed a valuable behind-the-scenes version of the events that Gourevitch described so movingly on the ground." The reviewer referred to **Philip Gourevitch's** "We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families" [New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux] that won the 1999 OPC award for the best nonfiction book on foreign affairs.

## ASIA

• **Henry Scott-Stokes** is a British journalist in Tokyo who has reported for *The Financial Times* and *The New York Times*

since he was first posted to Japan in 1964. He was among about two dozen Japan-based correspondents who flew to South Korea to cover the bloody rebellion that took place in Kwangju in 1980. In "The Kwangju Uprising: Eyewitness Press Accounts of Korea's Tiananmen" [Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe], Scott-Stokes and **Lee Jai-eui**, one of the student anti-government demonstrators at Kwangju, have collected reports filed from the Kwangju riots. South Korean troops quelled the uprising, killing about 260 civilians in the process. The violence appeared to be triggered by the arrest of Kim Dae-jung, an opposition leader who now is South Korea's democratically-elected president. Kim wrote the forward to the book.

One correspondent quoted in the book is **Bradley Martin**, who covered the insurrection for *The Baltimore Sun*. In an essay in *The New York Review of Books*, **James Fenton**, a British journalist who arrived in Kwangju on the last day of the rioting, writes that Martin "tells us in *The Kwangju Uprising* that, having written an article about dead spokesmen of the insurrection, he went out with other correspondents and got drunker than he had ever been before, stumbling 'screaming from bar to bar, cursing Chun Doo Hwan and the other new military rulers of South Korea.'" Martin had interviewed Yun Sang-won, a student who was killed in the uprising after serving as the insurgents'



Bradley Martin

principal spokesman for three days. **Richard Pyle** of AP later wrote that Martin said he would "never forget his [the student's] eyes—he had the eyes of a man who knew he was going to die." In addition to *The Sun*, Martin, a former vice president, secretary and director of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, has reported from Asia for *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek* and *Asia Times*. He now is Tokyo bureau chief for *Asian Financial Intelligence (AFI.com)*.

• Here is a Vietnam War book that may attract cat lovers. In "The Cat from Hue" [New York: PublicAffairs], **John Lawrence**, who covered the Vietnam War from 1965-1970 for CBS News, writes about soldiers, journalists, generals—and a cat named Meo. His publisher quoted Lawrence: "What I had seen in Vietnam was so extraordinary, so beyond the experiences of ordinary life, so incredible to float in memory, that I was compelled to write and share them with a wide audience, to learn from them, to try to understand the mystery of the Vietnam War. Also, my adventures with the cat, a hard-core warrior with Viet Cong sympathies, were symbolic of the painful American-Vietnamese experience."

## AUSTRALIA

• **Phillip Knightley**, author of a history of foreign correspondents—"The First Casualty" [New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1975]—turns back to his native Australia in "Australia: A Biography of a Nation" [New York: Random House]. **John Shaw**, Sydney correspondent for *The New York Times*, reviewed the book in *The Correspondent*, journal of  
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